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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Applicant responds herein to the Restriction Requirement received in a telephonic communication from the Examiner on December 27, 2004 wherein the Examiner identified and required the applicant to choose between the following distinct inventions.

- I. Apparatus of claims 1-14;
- II. Method of claims 15-24.

Applicant elects the invention apparatus of claims 1-14.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter covered in the non-elected claims.

Early and favorable consideration of the present application is earnestly solicited.

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